

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Jiro HITOMI, et al.

GROUP: 1644

SERIAL NO.: 09/910,208

EXAMINER: Maher M. Haddad

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CONFIRMATION NO.: 4894

FOR: NOVEL CALCIUM-BINDING PROTEINS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 19, 2009. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time until April 19, 2010 for responding to the outstanding Office Action and request the fee thereof and any other fees required in the prosecution of this application be charged to Deposit Account No. 504581.

Please amend the present application as follows: